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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS



**Brooks A. Keel**

**Present Position:** Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La. (since 2006).

**Previous Positions:** Associate Vice President for Research and Professor in Biomedical Sciences in the College of Medicine (2002-2006) Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.

**Education:** Ph.D in reproductive endocrinology from the Medical College of Georgia and a B.S. in biology/chemistry from Augusta College.

**Honors:** National Research Service Award from the National Institutes of Health (1982) and Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Medical College of Georgia (1999).

## KEEL NAMED PRESIDENT

By Charles Minshew  
Editor-in-chief

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia named Brooks A. Keel, the vice chancellor for research and economic development at Louisiana State University, Georgia Southern's 12th president yesterday.

Keel said that he was excited "beyond description" to hear the news that he was selected for the position.

"It's been just a very few minutes ago that we heard that the Board of Regents voted in approval of my appointment," he said. "We were, of course, waiting for that news to happen with great anticipation, and we're really excited to hear

the outcome. I just can't tell you how happy we are and how enthused we are and ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work."

Keel said that he will begin to meet with the GSU community as soon as he assumes office in just over two months.

"The first thing I want to do when I get there is get a chance to see and meet as many people as I can and to spend more time around campus to actually see the buildings and the infrastructure and see what we need there and then start rolling up our sleeves and getting to work," Keel said.

"Georgia Southern has unique challenges just like any university would," he said. "There's a capital campaign to be started in the near future."

Keel also said that he wants to look at issues

such as enrollment, meet with the senior staff and start a strategic planning process.

He said, "That clearly won't all be done my first week, of course, but I want to start setting the groundwork so that we can begin to start that in the first six months or so."

USG Chancellor Errol Davis said that Keel "brings tremendous academic credentials, understands our state challenges on all dimensions and has the experience to link industry and the academy together in creative and compelling ways."

Keel said that he sees GSU as a place where he wants to be. In the past, most presidents here have served for an average of 10 years or more.

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## Georgia Southern reaches record enrollment again

By Ally Rakoczy  
Staff writer

Georgia Southern set records last week with an enrollment of 19,086 for the fall 2009 semester. Along with rising numbers, GSU is seeing the caliber of student increase academically as well.

According to Sarah Smith, director of Admissions, one of the reasons for the increase is the university's commitment to heightening academic standards.

"The quality of students that Georgia Southern has attracted during the past 10 years has continued to rise," said Smith.

According to reports, the average SAT score of incoming freshmen this past fall was over 1,100, and the average GPA was over 3.0.

According to Teresa Thompson, vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, another contributing factor to the increased number of students is GSU's increased retention rate.

"As we attract more high-ability students, these students will have an impact on our academic standards as more of these students will be retained, which

obviously increases our retention rates which then leads to higher graduation rates," said Thompson.

According to Smith, GSU had more applicants this year than any other year in its history.

"In fact, we received more than 10,000 applications," said Smith.

While the increase in student enrollment is viewed as a positive thing by most in the administration, there are concerns that the university's resources will be challenged, including an increase in class sizes in many colleges on campus.

"Obviously with the current budget situation, we have to look at all options [regarding class size], but we will always do what we can do to remain student-centered [with] an emphasis on student success," said Thompson.

"It is true that larger numbers of students on any campus will challenge resources," said Georj Lewis, dean of students.

Thompson also acknowledged the challenge but stated that the university staff was prepared for the increase in students and addressed class structures accordingly.

Thompson also said that the university had to re-assess the increased need for campus services.

"We had to look at increasing campus services such as housing, financial aid, payment office, dining services, transportation, physical plant, student activities and accommodating the increase in RAC usage," said Thompson.

In addition to on-campus resources, student housing has felt the strain; however, according to Director of University Housing Vickie Hawkins, the university has already begun to address issues head on.

"We're actually working on a plan right now that's in its final stages that will ensure that all first-year students will have the opportunity to live on campus," said Hawkins.

According to Lewis, the university staff will not allow the influx of students to compromise the quality of education that students receive.

"I am confident that we will work to maximize our resources and maintain our record and reputation of having outstanding student/faculty relationships," said Lewis. "As long as we keep students first and we focus on academic distinction, we will continue to be recognized for the great things we do at Georgia Southern."

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Student run community clinic will open in spring 2010.

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# Holiday Helper Tree starts next week in Lakeside Cafe

By Anna Glisson

Guest writer

For the 16th year in a row, the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement and the sociology and anthropology department are hosting the Holiday Helper Tree at Lakeside Cafe.

On Nov. 4, the kickoff begins as the tree with around 800 tags stands ready for gifts to be bought for local residents in need.

"This is a great project for students, staff and faculty to help the Statesboro community around the holidays" said Diana Hensley, coordinator of Civic Engagement in the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement and the current coordinator for the event. "Low income families, elderly in nursing homes, individuals with mental disabilities, immigrant families, homebound individuals, less fortunate children and many more from the local community will be given gifts to unwrap for Christmas."

In 1994, Eileen Smith, in coordination with fellow retired GSU staff member, created this

gift drive that sponsors three local agencies. The event has now grown to sponsor 17 agencies, spreading the joy of the holiday season all over Bulloch County.

"The Holiday Helpers program strengthens our bond between GSU and the community, showing that we care," Smith said. "This is one of the most rewarding things I have gotten involved in in my life."

Besides the addition of new agencies Smith has seen the event cultivate in a larger aspect.

"I received a phone call from a student who graduated five years ago who currently teaches in an Atlanta-area high school. She wanted to know how to create a similar program at that school," said Smith. "I am excited that students are continuing to give back and creating from what they learned here at Georgia Southern, which is what we are all about."

The tags displaying the gifts desired are color coded in coordination with the agency the request comes from. One of these agencies is High Hope. High Hope is a center that assists individuals who are developmentally and mentally disabled along

with individuals who have addiction problems.

"I am passionate about this program because it has meant so much to this community, and it will be especially important this year with the economy," stated Gloria Kenure, director of Developmental Disabilities Service at High Hope.

"This is a wonderful program because individuals who will for the first time will have a gift under the tree; it shows the meaning of receiving and giving," she said.

According to Hensley many of the individuals at High Hope ask simply for GSU apparel.

There are several ways to get involved with the Holiday Helper Program, in addition to buying gifts. "Tree sitters" are needed from 9a.m.-3p.m. to track the distribution of tags from Nov. 4 to Dec. 2.

Volunteers are also needed to wrap gifts as they are returned, deliver the gifts to agencies and call individuals who have not returned their tag/gift. Gifts are due by 3p.m. on December 2.

Volunteers can sign up to help in the sociology office in the Carroll Building (room 1003) or in the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement in Russell Union (room 2024).

## KEEL

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"I can't think of a better place to spend a great deal of time, I'll tell you that," Keel said. "Everything about it has been incredibly positive."

Keel added that he does not yet see retirement in his future.

"I'm still a young man, and retirement is something that I don't even think about now because I've got a lot of years ahead of me, so it's hard for me to even think about where I want to wind up for the rest of my life," Keel said. "Certainly, there is a lot of exciting work to be done at Georgia Southern. I'm looking forward to devoting as much time as needed to make it happen."

Keel said that his current role as vice chancellor for research and economic development at LSU has prepared him for the presidency.

"Georgia Southern really is a tipping point, I think, in terms of development. It's at a point where I think it can really begin to take off in terms of research."

Susan Herbst, who serves as the USG's chief academic officer, said that the organization was "searching for someone who understood that the center of Georgia Southern is its students, faculty and staff" and that Keel "has keen understanding of what makes a university work effectively and efficiently for its many stakeholders."

Keel has high hopes for GSU throughout the next decade.

"I want people to say that Georgia Southern

is making a difference," Keel said. "It's making a difference in people's lives. It's preparing people to go and conquer the world, and I believe that Georgia Southern is in a position now where it can accomplish just that."

Keel said that he was "born, raised and educated" in Augusta, and that he has relatives, including his mother, who still live there.

Keel said, "I spent a good chunk of my life there. I've still got a lot of family there."

"Tammie and I are just excited beyond description," Keel said. "We're very much looking forward to coming. We're going to work hard and have a good time doing it."

Keel will begin his term on Jan. 1, 2010, the day after current President Bruce Grube steps down at the end of this year.

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The George-Anne  
Tuesday, October 27, 2009

## Our View: Congratulations to incoming President Brooks Keel

We at The George-Anne would like to take the opportunity today to welcome incoming President Brooks Keel to the Georgia Southern community.

Keel will assume the post of president in 2010. In today's article "Keel named president," he said that he will begin on day one by meeting with the various constituencies (faculty, staff, students, alumni, etc.) to see what GSU needs to move forward.

The Presidential Search and Screen Committee, led by Trey Denton, did an excellent job in choosing the final three candidates.

The Board of Regents of the University of Georgia made the right decision in choosing Keel for the position. Keel will help GSU become one of the premiere universities in Georgia.

He stated at his open forum that he hopes that GSU will become "the flagship university of South Georgia." By having Keel at the university's helm, much more will be accomplished.

In the Oct. 6 edition of The George-Anne, the editorial board gave Keel the grade of an A+ in our presidential search report card.

This grade was based on Keel's focus on students and employees, his vision for GSU, educational experience and his relationship in communities in which he's worked.

Keel exemplified these categories in his work at Louisiana State University. There, Keel has helped bridge the gap between business and academics by building new academic programs that complemented area business.

In The George-Anne's editorial endorsing Keel on Oct. 6, the editorial board wrote that Keel "understands the economic and academic challenges that face GSU. His vision is clear and his experience in forming partnerships with communities, corporations, faculty, students and alumni is what's needed to push GSU forward."

We wish Brooks Keel the best of luck as he takes on this new challenge at GSU.

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## Everybody loves a story



**James Kicklighter**  
is a senior public relations major from Claxton, Ga. He is a staff columnist for The George-Anne.

I'm going to take a stab and guess that many of you took out some time this weekend to see Paramount's new film, "Paranormal Activity," or, at the very least, plan to see it sometime soon because of positive word-of-mouth (though I've heard a

few people say they thought it was lame).

For those of you who have been living under a rock, the promotional campaign tells audiences to "demand" the horror film, while driving home the idea that the film is "real," rather than your scripted "Saw VI" fare.

Of course, the movie is not real. It is scripted, micro-budget, independent fare that was picked up by a major studio in acquisition. Through brilliant strokes of marketing, the film has buzzed into the young-adult vernacular, similarly to "The Blair Witch" 10 years ago (Does it seem that long?).

The film, which cost somewhere around \$300,000 after acquisition costs and less than \$10 million in marketing, will go down as the most profitable film in Paramount history. The low overhead costs are trending popularly amongst studios, especially in months outside of the holidays, which can output a "Saw" film and make its budget in a single weekend.

Case in point, "Saw VI" opened the weakest of the series this weekend at \$16 million, but still made budget.

Culturally, we are addicted to reality. If it's not "real," we don't want to see it. The irony, of course, is that reality isn't real at all but is constructed by producers and programmers.

We buy into this, though, because everybody loves a story. Especially on Halloween, Americans have a fascination with the spiritual and voodoo, going back to Puritan, witch-hunting days.

In the meantime, real or not, the market for what consumers "demand" will ever change as marketing becomes more people-driven and less campaign-oriented. Barometers of success will not be determined by how good a product is or isn't, but the ways that people perceive it. That's not necessarily a bad thing, it's just different.

## My social networking skills are frozen in time



**Shannon Knepp**  
is a senior broadcasting major from Albany, Ga. She is the managing editor for The George-Anne.

Ever since my junior year of high school, I have had always felt an obscene amount of pressure to join some form of social networking page.

At that time, the craze was MySpace. Everyone and their mom (literally) were getting a MySpace page. It was a way for me to throw away hours of my life, designing my page and constantly changing my information, favorite quotes, profile pictures, etc. The disease had successfully caught.

A year later, once the MySpace madness had died down a little, Facebook appeared. Now, I could waste hours of my life stalking my friends, posting pictures and looking at what friends I had in common with other people. I could even judge and persecute those who still had a MySpace page (even though I secretly still had mine).

Three years later, I am being told that I should join Twitter. I hear constantly about "Tweets" and how Miley Cyrus is "Tweeting" to her fans. I hear about how teachers are making their students join Twitter because they feel like it is a useful networking tool.

Now, I have been told about Linked In, a social

networking site that you can post your resume to and a place where social networking simply becomes networking. Multiple friends have told me how beneficial it is because it gets you "out there" on a professional level, as opposed to having employers see your latest keg stand on their mini-feed.

However, I can't help but wonder, do social networking sites do more harm than good?

Like I said before, I have spent a countless amount of hours on social networking sites. I will even say that one of the first things I do when I get home is check my Facebook. Did anyone comment on my new album? Do I have any messages? Especially with Facebook having so many people joining, I try and make sure I'm not missing anything school-wise because nearly all of my classmates are on Facebook. So, I could see how my valuable time is wasted.

One United Kingdom IT company, Morse, decided to see just how much money they lose when their employees spend time on social networking sites. The result: The British economy suffers a loss of 1.38 billion pounds per year.

Woah.

Think of that, 1.38 billion pounds. The survey said that most employees would waste their work time on these networking sites, becoming far less productive.

Thinking of this, maybe we should think of all the social networking we do in a year, or even in a week. Think of what we could be doing with that time.



# Non-profit organization 'Road Trip Nation' visits Georgia Southern

By Kelsey Sorrell  
Staff writer

Road Trip Nation visited Georgia Southern's campus in their lime green RV between the Russell Union and the Foy Fine Arts Building from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. last Thursday.

Road Trip Nation is a non-profit organization that helps college students harness their passions

"I know we can expect to see Road Trip Nation again in the future."

Road Trip Nation's lime green RV attracted students last Thursday, as well as their promotions personnel, who passed out free trucker hats and CDs, which gave more information to students who were interested.

Alvaro Cadena, one of the campus promotions personnel for Road Trip Nation, provided information for students.



Susan Pugh/STAFF

**Road Trip Nation's** big lime green RV was parked in between the Russell Union and Foy Fine Arts Buildings last Thursday to promote their non-profit organization.

and interests in life in order to pursue a career.

Each summer, nine students are chosen to roam the country in three lime green RVs for six weeks. These students choose professionals within their chosen field of interest to interview, allowing them to see what their possible jobs would consist of upon entering the real world. Their interviews and experiences are taped and broadcasted as a documentary on the Public Broadcasting Station.

Stephanie Saunders, an administrative specialist of Student Affairs from the Office of Career Services, was able to get Road Trip Nation to come and promote their program on GSU's campus.

"I had seen Road Trip Nation on another university," she said. "I was curious, so I did a little research and finally contacted them asking if they would attend our campus as well. It turned out that they were coming down this way during the same week as the Career Fair, so it worked out perfectly."

After marketing information to students, Saunders realized that GSU had a pretty good turnout.

"Road Trip Nation said we were the best campus turnout [they] have ever had. Many of my students said they were excited about the possibility of applying to be one of the roadies over the next summer," she said.

"This is a great program for students who don't know what they want to do with their lives," he said. "If they go out and interview people to find what they are interested and passionate in, then that allows them to pursue careers that would make them more happy than money ever could. It's not about the pay, it's about a person's general happiness, and that's what Road Trip Nation helps students find. It's all about student development and their reflection upon themselves, that help them find what they want."

Road Trip Nation provides all funding for the participating students in the program. The RVs are given to them for free usage, and students receive a daily stipend so they can eat and enjoy each city they visit. The stipend allows them to purchase food and other interesting things in the cities free of charge.

According to Cadena, students can apply to be a participant on the documentary series online.

"There are three processes by which students must apply. Students must first apply online explaining what they want out of this experience and why they would be a good applicant. The second round guides students to look at interviews and answer questions so we can gauge their receptance and see what inspires them. The final stage asks them to interview people within their community so we can see how they interact with

these people," he said.

"There is no criterion to be on the show, which is good. We are just simply basing this on each applicant and choosing the ones we think would have a good experience and learn the most from the program."

For students who do not make it on the documentary series, or for those who want the experience without being on the show, there are other options.

According to Cadena, Road Trip Nation offers Independent Traveler grants where students can gain the experience on their own. The students receive money for any photos, written blogs and videotape footage they produce throughout their experience.

The footage will end up as a five-minute segment of their trip either on television or on the Internet.

"We have a higher level of funding, and can therefore provide these Individual Traveler grants for a larger number of people," he said. "The students still receive the full experience, but it's more flexible. The students will still have the company name backing them up, which allows companies to know that they are legitimate. It's much harder for anyone to get these interviews without a legitimate excuse."

The first road trip interviews took place back in 2001. Brian McAllister and Nathan Geldhard, business majors, and Mike Marriner, a double major in biology and kinesiology, graduated from college without a single plan in mind.

"We wanted to identify with workers out there and take a trip where we could ask advice on how people defined their own lives," said McAllister. "We wanted to find those people who found success when they felt lost, displaced and felt the pressures from society like we did."

The three graduates took a three and a half month road trip and started by looking over magazines and newspapers for people who they would be interested in interviewing. Afterwards, they would Google information and finally go out and complete those interviews.

"We realized that we would get burnt out by chasing money. We wanted to be fulfilled in a way that took us beyond the bank account, so with no agents and little to no money, we bought a used RV and immediately began cold-calling," McAllister said.

Due to their success, according to McAllister, the three wanted to begin sharing their experience with other students who felt the same as they did.

Since their starting point in 2001, the trio had publications written about them in magazines and newspapers, which got their names and ideals out into the world, along with the 500-800 hours of film footage taken from their original interviews.

McAllister said, "It started as an evolution, and through little steps along the way, it became a bigger deal, resulting in our first 2003 PBS broadcast."

McAllister, Geldhard and Marriner found their passion in life. The three currently work for Road Trip Nation, the program they founded and operate today, and continue to share their experience. McAllister said their hope is that the program will continue its success in the future.

"This whole idea was basically a big, blank canvas. We just put dots up there and in a crazy way everything started to connect. We wanted our stories to last a lot longer than just our single road trip, so we began to lay down the framework so we could begin helping other people in our generation."

For more information and to apply for this program, visit [www.roadtripnation.com](http://www.roadtripnation.com)



Susan Pugh/STAFF

**The inside** was decked out in memorabilia from the many places around the nation the RV has stopped.



# WTOC broadcasts Live Tailgate Show on home-game days

By Robert Greene II  
Staff writer

A new element has been added to Georgia Southern football weekends. On Friday nights before every home game, the Savannah-based television network WTOC broadcasts their Live Tailgate Show from GSU.

This is the first year of the event, according to Mary Angela Harn, assistant director of Marketing for GSU.

"It was part of our plan for the fall," said Harn.

According to Christian Flathman, director of Marketing and Communications, "WTOC and Georgia Southern have been working more and more together."

Flathman said that WTOC saw that GSU and the surrounding area offered a chance to reach out to an audience of both students and school alumnus.

As for the Office of Marketing and Communications, Flathman said they saw it as an "opportunity to showcase Georgia Southern" to a larger audience.

"It was the first time we were ever able to do that," said Flathman. "This was an opportunity to team up." He also said that WTOC happened to have a time slot available, which was conducive to making a show based on GSU football.

According to Harn, the University Store is the

sponsor of the WTOC Tailgate Show. Before every home game this season, the show has been broadcast from in front of the University Store, except for the most recent Eagle Rally, when the show was broadcast from inside Hanner Fieldhouse.

Harn said that the show also offers an opportunity for the University Store to get its name out to current students, alumnus, and others who live in the Statesboro and Savannah region.

Craig Harney, marketing director for WTOC, complimented the students of GSU on their reaction to the show.

According to Harney, while in the past GSU was always a component of the show, the tailgate show itself has been done at the University of Florida, Auburn University and University of Georgia.

However, Harney said that he has "never seen the spirit" at those institutions that he has seen at GSU. "It's one of the great discoveries of the year," he said. "If you're going to do a live show, energy is what you're after," said Harney.

He said that having the band and cheerleaders perform "changes the complexion of the show." He said that unlike on other campuses, at GSU he's also had "students ask to come up and help."

"I'd say it's our best (tailgate show) in years," said Harney.

Flathman compared the Live Tailgate Show to another college football-centered program. Flathman said it was "WTOC's opportunity to create a 'College Gameday' atmosphere," but based on GSU. "College Gameday" is a reference to the famous ESPN program that is shown every Saturday from a different college campus across the country.

"The majority of students I've talked to say that they enjoy it," said Flathman. Harn added that the WTOC crew that handles the program also does a program for the University of Georgia that runs whenever GSU does not have a home game.

So far, there are no plans to extend the Live Tailgate Show to any other sporting events, however, Harney said "the sky's the limit" in terms of collaboration between WTOC and GSU on other sporting events.

The next event is on Nov. 13, which is Homecoming Friday and before the game against Furman, and the final GSU Live Tailgate Show will be on Nov. 20 before the final game of the regular season against The Citadel.

"It becomes a really awesome atmosphere on television," said Flathman.



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The WTOC Tailgate Show broadcasts at GSU's Eagle Rally.



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# Greek Street holds annual Halloween trick-or-treat

By Colie Nichols

Guest writer

Georgia Southern's Greek Life will be hosting the 11th annual "Greek Street Trick-or-Treat" event this Wednesday for children and their families to come and celebrate Halloween.

Each fraternity and sorority will decorate their house and pass out candy to local children, and there will be pumpkin carving and a couple of haunted houses.

The event is held to show appreciation to the Statesboro community and is sponsored by the Panhellenic Association and Interfraternity council.

"I think it's great to see sororities and fraternities coming together to help support and give back to the community," said art major Jessie Larson.

"We just want to give back to the kids in the community and their families," said Lauren Matthews, Panhellenic vice president of programming.

This event has been held for the past 10 years and has found a way to connect with the community of Statesboro outside of GSU while making it fun for adults and children.

"I have taken my children almost every year



**Children** from all over Statesboro come to Greek Row to trick-or-treat. Last year there were and estimated 300 to 500 families to have played games and received candy with GSU Greek life students.

File photo

since we moved down here, and they have a lot of fun and so do I," said Michelle Browne, a mother of four. "My kids are always fascinated by all of the college kids and especially the creatively decorated sorority and fraternity houses."

The Statesboro community and Greek Life both gain a lot from this event. Sororities and fraternities are gaining communication with locals while showing off the philanthropy of their sorority or fraternity and their houses, and the

community receives a free Halloween event while interacting with the students at GSU.

"Not all college students take the time out of their busy lives to give back to the community and interact with the children that look up to them so much, and I think it is great to see them care and try to make it fun for everyone," said Browne.

This Halloween event is fun and games in addition to hard work, which gives GSU students learning experience in planning events and interacting with their fellow community.

"I personally love kids, so I love every chance I get to be involved with them and being involved with this event has helped me feel a sense of goodness knowing that we hold events besides our usual socials," said Sara Barnes, a former GSU Zeta.

"Greek Street Trick-or-Treat" is not only limited to children, but most activities will be targeted towards families and their children.

Everyone is encouraged to dress in costume and come out for Halloween games, candy and fun.

The event will take place Wednesday Oct. 28 on Greek Row from 6-8 p.m. by the GSU Greek Life.

We hope to see everyone there for this exciting Halloween-filled fun night," said Matthews.

## Student-run Hearts and Hands Clinic to open spring 2010

By Anna Glisson

Guest writer

The Hearts and Hands Clinic is pushing forward after facing political resistance and plans to fully open in spring 2010.

The clinic will offer free primary health and dental care for the medically uninsured residents of Statesboro whose income ranges up to 200 percent above the Federal Poverty Line, according to Andres Montes, president and CEO of the Hearts and Hands Clinic.

Working in alliance with Volunteers in Medicine, the Hearts and Hands Clinic has established logistics and currently has several medical professionals aligned to assist. The nonprofit organization will operate solely on a volunteer and donation basis.

"We plan to start off by opening the clinic two Saturdays a month with a goal of becoming even more permanently established in the future," said Ally Rakoczy, the marketing and fundraising chair of Hearts and Hands.

"I think this clinic has tremendous potential. As Statesboro is growing, the need for a clinic such as this has grown as well. I believe that it can be a tremendous addition to our community to show that

Statesboro and the students of Georgia Southern are partners in caring for those in need," said Dr. Todd Deal, the director of the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement who currently sits on the clinic's board of directors.

"The idea for the clinic came during the past presidential elections as candidates discussed the pressing needs of the health care system. Growing up with a father who is a doctor I was taught to give back whenever you can," said Montes.

The concept has become reality as a permanent office is in the constructive process, volunteers are signing up and medical supplies are being donated.

The main driving force behind the establishment of this clinic is students who want to make a difference. At the informational meeting last Wednesday, over 100 students showed up to learn how they could volunteer and give back to the community.

"Donations have been received from as far away as Spartanburg, S.C. from Atlanta to Vidalia," said Montes. "Locally businesses such as the Sea Island Bank, RJs and the Ogeechee Area Hospice have donated towards the goal of opening the clinic."

Son's Light Fellowship Baptist Church has given Hearts and Hands a permanent location. The pastor

of the church, John Long, found out about the need of the clinic and offered the space to Montes.

The clinic had plans for a temporary location at the Ogeechee River Baptist Association building.

The existing space still needs to be transformed into a suitable office. In order to raise adequate funds, Long has teamed up with the clinic's executive board to host a Boston Butts BBQ fundraiser on Dec. 5.

"On Dec. 4, cooks will be in place to kickoff the fundraiser. We are working on entertainment with bands, door prizes and speakers; it is going to be a fun time," said Long.

All-night volunteers will take shifts cooking with a goal of raising enough money for the renovations.

According to Montes, the dental part of the clinic will be operational as soon as construction is finished, while the medical division will open when other criteria have been reached.

"Once in place, the clinic will be a tremendous community asset. I see it becoming a mainstay in the Ogeechee River Baptist Association and a ministry within the community," said Long.

Deal said, "I hope to see this clinic grow into an entity that provides services daily. I believe that this provides an excellent opportunity for Georgia

Southern students to serve, and I am convinced that our student body will continue to be involved. For sustainability, the clinic will need dedicated, long-term volunteers from the Statesboro community."

The support of East Georgia and field-specific doctors is still needed.

Besides an executive board, the clinic holds a board of directors which consists of licensed medical professionals, GSU staff, students and members of the community.

Recently, a development board has been created to be the community face and to assist with fundraising.

"I think that the clinic could be the start of a much greater initiative in the Statesboro area. I know that a former pastor in the Statesboro area—I don't have permission to share his name—had a vision of something much, much bigger than this for Statesboro. His idea was more of a full service facility for providing social services to those in need. While this is a much smaller version of his vision, it is a beginning, the first step on what could be an incredible journey," said Deal.

To be involved or donate funds or supplies please, e-mail theheartsandhandsclinic@gmail.com. If you would like to purchase BBQ for the fundraiser, please call 912-344-8463.



## Spotlight on Student Leaders: Karen Nowling

By Ally Rakoczy  
Staff writer

Senior nursing major Karen Nowling has had an itch to be involved since her freshman year as president of Winburn Hall's council in the Residence Hall Association.

"I got a taste, and I was hungry for more I guess you could say. I loved it!" said Nowling.

"My RA took me to this event that RHA was putting on—a recruitment for hall council—and I ran for president and got it by only nine votes," she said. "[After that] I got involved in a bunch of committees and more and more things and just went from there."

Those "things" included becoming a SOAR leader, an EIP Peer Instructor, joining a sorority and becoming vice president of the Student Nurses Association. However, according to Nowling, SOAR was truly an unparalleled experience.

"SOAR, it just is so life changing. You learn so much about yourself as a leader and as a role model, and you learn that you can make a difference," said Nowling. "You get to show incoming freshmen what it's like to be a Georgia Southern student."

Nowling added that the team environment was instrumental to her experience as well.

"Work[ing] with a team of 23 people—we were like a big family," said Nowling.

While Nowling has enjoyed her time as a leader in multiple student organizations, she admitted to sometimes feeling the strain of taking it all on.

"I think it happens to every leader," said Nowling. "I definitely have the problem where I take too much on and I burn myself out [so] that's what I've been focusing on lately."

According to Nowling, experience has taught her how to take a step back and learn how to delegate.

"You have to delegate, but also if you're in a team or a group it's really hard to have a bunch of leaders at the same time. You have to be ready to step back and take on the things that are asked of you," said Nowling. "It's all about delegation and time management."

"You need to be able to take on what you can handle, but you also don't need to sit back and do nothing. You need to learn how to take risks and a take challenges and be proactive," she said.



Ryan Babula/STAFF

**Karen Nowling has gone** from RHA president to getting involved with Greek Life, Peer Instructing, and being the VP of the Student Nursing Association.

For Nowling, involvement isn't simply about boosting one's resume, it's about elevating the college experience.

"Involvement is an amazing thing and will make your college experience so much better, and [it will] enrich your experience and enrich your life," said Nowling.

According to Nowling, with all the opportunities on campus, there's really no excuse not to get involved.

"There are over 200 organizations on campus, so there's something for everyone. I challenge students to find something that they like to do and they want to be in and join that thing," said Nowling.

"You'll make friends and learn about other people and start to network."

Nowling said that student should look around campus and grab flyers of events that are going on, and then go to the events meeting more people.

"It's all about going and getting to know people," she said.

However, being a leader is not without its challenges. According to Nowling, once she realized that people were looking up to her, she had to make sure she was being a good role model.

"When you become a role model and a leader on campus, people look up to you whether you realize it or not," said Nowling. "I never thought that someone looked up to me [then] but now I appreciate it [more]."

"When you are a leader you're in a fishbowl. You have to watch things like your Facebook and the things you do," said Nowling.

Nowling also learned that sometimes taking on less makes you a better leader.

"[It's about] not stretching yourself so thin that you can't be effective and productive in all the things you do," said Nowling.

For Nowling, that effective leadership style

is one with a team orientation. "I feel like I'm a team player, for the most part," said Nowling.

"I think the team is important. In order for it to be successful everyone has to work together. Delegation plays a role in that as well."

In addition to learning how to work in a team environment, Nowling's hope for other students is for them to see the value of getting involved early on.

"Start getting involved [the] very first year and realize how much GSU has to offer," said Nowling.

"The relationships you have with you peers and the administration as well will really impact your life."

"You're really going to miss out if you don't get involved," said Nowling.

"It's about coming out of college a better person than who [you] are now and hopefully coming out a better leader along the way."



# Wheels of Tranquility promotes skating and health

By Martin Rand III

Guest writer

Wheels of Tranquility, a new 4-wheeled skating club on campus, is the first skating club Georgia Southern has ever had.

"I've heard many people say they wanted to start a club but never followed through on it," said founding President Cody Alexander. "I'm all about action."

The new opportunity Wheels of Tranquility has given him and all the different possibilities the club has created makes Alexander very excited about the future.

"I already got so many ideas of what we can do and how we can change the skating scene of Statesboro," said Alexander.

Alexander has been skating for four years. He started skating the night he got bored while working at a skating rink.

"I was so concentrated on not falling that I forgot about everything else that was going on in my life at the time," said Alexander.

Alexander hopes to accomplish that same feeling with students on campus.

One of the main purposes of Wheels of Tranquility is to help students with mental, physical and social health.

"That's how we came up with the name," said Alexander.

"When you skate, you feel at ease, and hopefully we'll give people a chance to vent out all their frustrations with school," he said.

Vice President Brandon Howard is equally excited about Wheels of Tranquility.

"We love to skate, and we want to service the community while we skate," said Howard.

Howard designed the logo for the club and is in charge of organizing events.

He has planned for the club members to go to an elementary school and perform for the children and give out skating tips.

Although he has only been skating for one year, Howard said he "knows the basics" and can teach others how skate.

"I hope the club gives students another alternative from the usual pastimes of Georgia Southern," said Howard.

Alexander and Howard both advocate the networking abilities of skating.

They said skating is not just for kids despite what most people think and they have met plenty of people of all different ages and social status while at skating rinks.

For instance, Alexander and Howard met each other at a skating rink called Golden Glide in Decatur, Ga.

There they both discovered that they went to the same college and have been friends ever since.

Wheels of Tranquility has been an official student organization since Sept. 19.

When Assistant Director of Student Affairs Carter Walton approved of the club, "They have already been able to generate interest among the larger student population," Walton said.

"As long as the desire to skate as well as leadership within the organization remains strong, so should the organization."



Special photo

Wheels of Tranquility is a new club that promotes 4-wheeled skating.

For students who would like to find out any more information about their organization, e-mail Brandon Howard at [wheelsoftranquility@hotmail.com](mailto:wheelsoftranquility@hotmail.com).

## 'Paranormal Activity' is a terrifyingly effective film

By Ryan Babula

Features editor

"Paranormal Activity" is terrifying. There's no question about this.

A movie has not shaken me as deeply as this one in a long time. It taps into one's fear of the unknown and of what goes "bump" in the night.

Its narrative structure is simple: a young couple moves into a house and is terrorized by an supernatural being.

The male, Micah (Micah Sloat), invests in a digital camera and insists on recording what happens in the house. The female, Katie (Katie Featherston), objects to this idea, as most of the happenings affect her directly.

What follows is truly one of the scariest experiences I've ever had watching a film.

To talk about what occurrences take place in the house would betray the crux of the film. The ability of director Oren Peli to ratchet up the tension is second-to-none.

The film is sold as a home video, and is purportedly real. The acting and the hyper-realistic nature of the film make the illusion complete.

You'll be questioning this one all the way home.

What works the most about the film is its lasting effects. Falling asleep is not an option.

You'll be questioning every creak and groan your house makes. You'll fear the sound of footsteps and wonder if you are truly alone.

The existence of ghosts and demons can be disputed and argued all day long, but after watching this film, you'll be convinced that their presence is absolutely plausible.

Probably one of the best horror movies I've ever seen, "Paranormal Activity" is a must-see for the Halloween season. I'm not one to be easily scared, but my knees were shaking by the end of the film.

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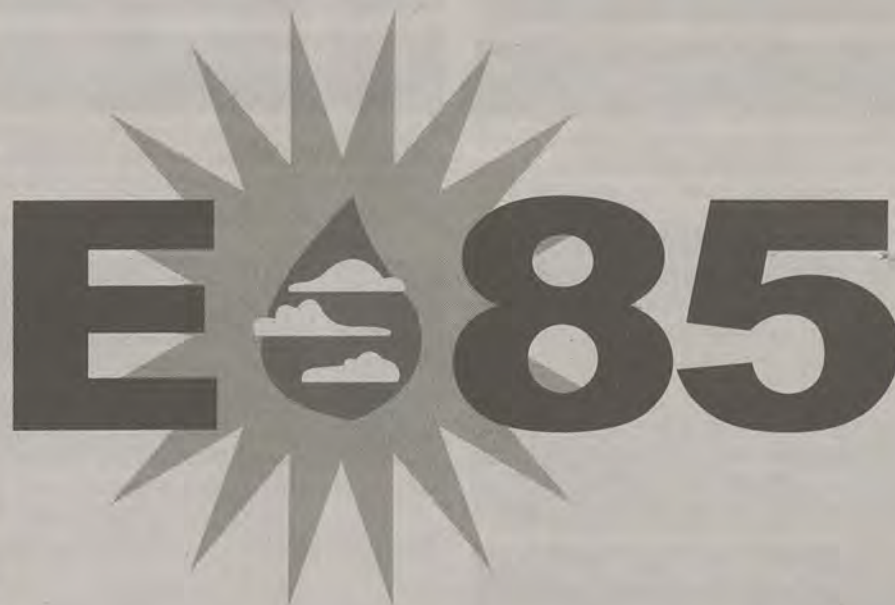
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- Football loses to Appalachian State, 52-16.
- Volleyball sweeps Western Carolina and Appalachian State in weekend play.
- Swimming & Diving split weekend tri-meet to finish with three first-place finishes.
- Men's soccer falls to UNC-Greensboro, 0-6.
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- Former GSU golfer Blake Adams earns 2010 PGA Tour card.

## News from the Nest: GSU swimming and diving tri-meet results feature three first-place finishes

By GSU News Service

Seniors Lauren Parr and Courtney Martz led the Georgia Southern swimming and diving team (2-4) to a 214-82 win over the College of Charleston (1-4) with three first-place finishes each. The Eagles narrowly fell to North Florida (3-0) by eight points 149-141 to split the College of Charleston tri-meet Saturday.

Parr recorded wins in the 100 Fly, 200 Fly and the 400 IM. Martz helped power two first-place relay teams - the 200 Medley Relay and 200 Free Relay - and won the 50 Free. Caroline Bevallard recorded a first-place finish in the 200 Free with a time of 2:10.54.

The Eagles opened the tri-meet with a one-two finish in the 200 Medley Relay. The team of Lindsay Goodman, Ashley White, Kristen Haudenschild and Martz finished with a time of 2:02.32. The B team of Bevallard, Parr, Caitlin Martin and Jordyn Pasley came in second with a time of 2:04.69.

GSU also won the other relay at the tri-meet. The A team of Martz, Ali Campbell, Emily Fell and Pasley finished first with a time of 1:51.09. The B team of Caitlin White, Katie Crider and Laurie

Stephens finished third with a time of 1:53.08.

In freestyle action, the Eagles placed 14 top-five finishes. The 50 Free saw the Eagles grab four of the top five spots, including first place. Martz won the event with a time of 27.59. Campbell came in less than a second behind Martz and placed second with a time of 28.27. Stephens and Crider placed fourth (28.55) and fifth (28.69) respectively.

In the 100 Free, GSU grabbed second, third and fourth places. Bevallard finished second with a time of 1:01.26. Fell followed Bevallard with a time of 1:01.30, and Martz continued her impressive day with a fourth place finish (1:01.41).

The 200 Free saw another one-two finish by the Eagles. Bevallard led the way with a first-place finish (2:10.54). Pasley finished right behind her with a time of 2:11.07. Fell finished fourth with a time of 2:12.44.

Campbell recorded second-place finishes in the 400 (4:33.56) and 800 Free (9:11.36) events. Pasley finished fifth in the 400 with a time of 4:40.14. Lindsay Mullican finished seventh in the 400 Free (4:40.61) and fifth in the 800 Free with a time of 9:27.40.

Parr highlighted the butterfly action winning both the 100 (1:05.58) and 200 Fly (2:22.41). Pirie

Humphries placed third in the 200 Fly with a time of 2:29.05. Meredith Fehr (Matthews, N.C.) finished seventh in both events. In the 100 Fly, she finished with a time of 1:10.51 and with a time of 2:35.00 in the 200 Fly.

In the fourth event of the afternoon the 100 Back, Goodman paced the Eagles with a second place finish (1:08.15). Freshman Holly Hirsch came in sixth with a time of 1:11.44.

White finished second in the 100 Breast leading the way for GSU with a time of 1:16.64. Martin came in sixth with a time of 1:17.84.

Parr got her third win of the day with a first-place finish in the 400 IM. Parr recorded a time of 5:06.36 to lead the Eagles in the event. Mullican finished fifth in the 400 IM with a time of 5:12.11.

The diving portion of the meet saw three career first dives for the Eagles. Alden Lynch recorded her first career dives in the 1 meter and the 3 meter dives. She placed second in the 1 meter dive with a mark of 212.60 and second in the 3 meter with a mark of 222.80. Haudenschild placed sixth in the 1 meter (112.50) with her first career dive.

The swimming and diving team returns to action Nov. 6th in its first home meet of the season against Campbell.

## Meet Results

50 Freestyle	200 Freestyle	800 Freestyle	200 Medley Relay
1) Lyn Nelson - NF	1) Caroline Bevallard - GSU	1) Lyn Nelson - NF	1) Georgia Southern (A)
2) Caroline Bevallard - GSU	2) Jordyn Pasley - GSU	2) Ali Campbell - GSU	2) Georgia Southern (B)
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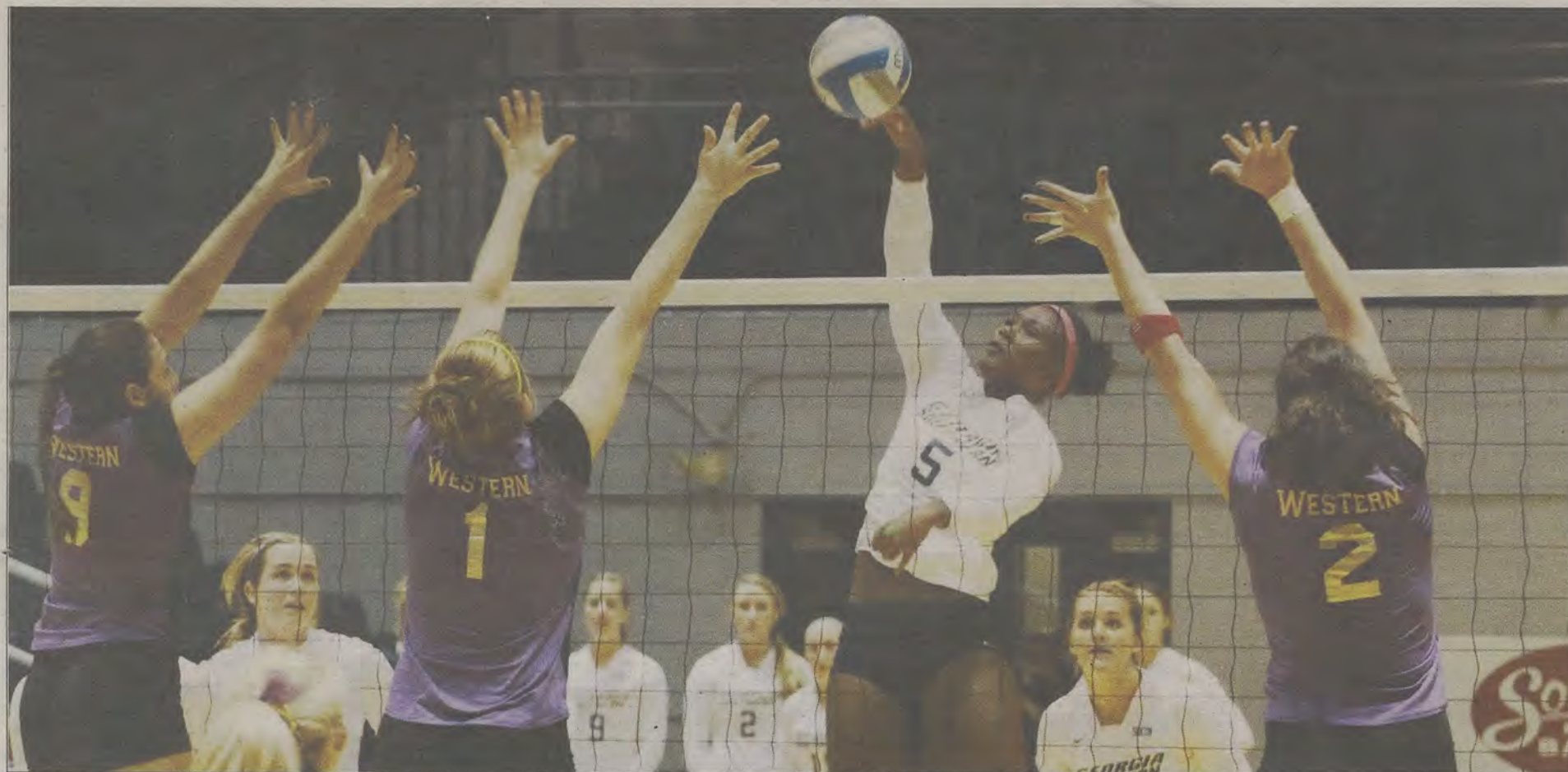
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# Volleyball sweeps SoCon opponents over weekend



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Sophomore outside hitter **Bethany Samford (5)** spikes a ball at the net during SoCon play this past weekend against the Western Carolina Catamounts.

By **Dylan Thompson**

Guest writer

The Georgia Southern volleyball team (17-8, 7-3) got back on track this weekend, winning two matches against the Appalachian State Mountaineers (9-15, 5-5) and the Western Carolina Catamounts (3-21, 0-10) without dropping a game. These wins were especially needed following two losses in previous SoCon play.

"We had some injuries, and just didn't seem to play well as a group the past two games," said head Coach Chad Callihan. "These games were huge for us. We have to play well from here on out, and we can't afford any slip ups from here on out."

GSU wouldn't slip up this weekend, sweeping both in conference opponents. App. State and GSU battled on the same afternoon, as did the football teams, only at opposite sites on Saturday.

Callihan held a personal stake in the game, as he was a former coach at Appalachian State. He was wildly successful in his time there leading the Mountaineers to a bevy of 20 win seasons and tournament victories.

The game was also personal for Eagles middle hitter Parker Small. The 6'2" sophomore comes

from Charlotte, N.C. and faced off against former teammate Lauren Swecker.

"A lot of my friends go there, and of course Lauren," said Small. "There was definitely some extra motivation for me personally. I wanted to show them that I chose the right school."

The first game looked to be a precursor to a hard-fought match between two good teams. App. State managed to keep pace with GSU throughout the match, with the help of some gratuitous points from the home side.

The Eagles managed to stop the mistakes and play lock-down defense in building a small lead that would culminate into a Lauren Claybaugh kill for a 25-22 game 1 win.

The second game saw GSU find their stride and begin sharp play volleyball. Ironically, Small played big at the net, shutting down the Mountaineers attack.

App. State was in the giving spirit this game, committing error after error, digging themselves into an insurmountable effort that was closed by yet another Claybaugh kill.

Emerging from half, the Eagles superb setting and defense would wear on their opponents, and they would pull away with the help of yet more

Mountaineer errors. The closer, Claybaugh finish the match with an emphatic kill for the victory.

Not far from App. State, the Catamounts rolled into town during the weekend as well. The Catamounts have struggled this season, looking up from the bottom of the SoCon under new coach Manuel Concepcion. Combined with a few crippling injuries, the Catamounts limped into Statesboro a bit short-handed.

Despite their record, WCU came out giving their best effort, ambushing a GSU team that may have been a little flat.

"The starters were a little flat today," said Callihan. "We were able to get some other players to play well for us and bring energy, though."

The Catamounts would claw their way to a tie at 15 points each, helped tremendously by some GSU errors. A timeout to regroup, along with a little personnel shuffling, saw the Eagles regain their footing and manufacture a four point 25-21 victory.

Claybaugh contributed one of her match high 11 kills for the final dagger.

The second game began with the undermanned Catamounts again battling GSU through the early points of the match. It seemed as if GSU may have caught fire, coming out and winning the first four

points, but faltered and gave up four straight back to WCU.

A balanced effort orchestrated by the assists from freshman Kate Van Dyke prevented the Catamounts winning in the late stages of the game. Much like the first game, GSU would pull out a too close for comfort 25-21 victory, moving them one game from a perfect weekend.

Freshman Danielle Graham would hammer the nail in the coffin before half.

The declawed Catamounts showed a lot of heart, picking themselves off the deck and putting up a valiant fight. They held on as long as they could, closing the gap at 12-11.

WCU would not have the steam to keep their upset bid going with GSU taking the final game 25-17.

"It's good to see what some of these players can do," said Callihan. "Sometimes they don't get to play much, but it's nice to give them an opportunity to prove themselves."

A showdown with Furman (18-3, 10-0) looms in the distance. The game will be important as both teams are together near the top of the SoCon standings. That game will be at Hanner Fieldhouse on Friday, Oct. 30.